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Enterprising and inspiring

By Anne Day

What were you doing when you were 17?

I am sure you were not launching a business – a social enterprise. But that's what Genevieve Sutherns (17) and Josh Gray (19) did this March when COVID-19 struck and everything changed.

On hearing the news that Ontario was going into lockdown and that seniors over 70 were advised to stay home, Josh contacted Genevieve to say that they needed to do something to help.

Both were heading back home to Guelph, Josh from Carleton University where is in his third year of International Business, and Genevieve returning from a gap year, but who is, this fall, a first year student at University of British Columbia, taking a BSc in Science and a Masters in Management.

Their original plan was to deliver groceries to seniors stuck at home, but their plan evolved as they discussed their ideas with their parents. The end product was the Guelph Box which would be full of produce or products from local vendors. It was a buy-local project.

Since starting in March, they have sold close to 4,000 boxes, supported over 80 local vendors, raised \$265,000 in revenue for local businesses and donated \$17,000 to Guelph charities. Impressive numbers for any new venture, and when you think of how young they are – even more impressive.

Not that it has been smooth sailing all the way. "We've made our share of mistakes, shares Genevieve "Like not ordering enough supplies; boxes delivered to the wrong home. All little kinks, but stressful just the same."

But in the six months since starting this venture, they both agree that their biggest learning experience has been around relationships – with the vendors, customers and friends who want to support them.

Genevieve admits that she tended to take complaints personally, but she has now set up some boundaries so she distances herself. Also at the beginning she found she was working 60/70 hour weeks, and now she seeks more balance. She jokes that she is beginning to sound like someone way older than seventeen.

Right from the start they wisely divided up the tasks so each was responsible for an aspect of the business. For example, Josh is more the back-end, setting up the website and tech so people could order online, and managing the finances.



While Genevieve concentrates on the admin, working with the vendors and designing the boxes.

Up until August they were doing a weekly box which contained mainly food items. They also branched out and developed theme boxes such Home Comfort Box, Father's Day Box and a Kid's Box. They quickly discovered that it is hard to predict which would be popular. Their Home Comfort Box sold out in days, while there was little demand for the Kid's Box. Valuable lessons for any business owner to learn.

When someone offered to deliver some boxes, if the delivery charge was then donated to charity they found other volunteers were willing to do the same and they let the drivers select which charity they wanted to support. The only stipulation this dynamic pair made was that it be a Guelph charity. With \$17,000 donated, clearly this proved a great strategy and win-win for all involved.

Now that they are back at school online, they knew they could not sustain weekly boxes and so are coming up with specialized boxes. One of their most recent boxes was their Joyful Box, with proceeds going to Hope House and they are busy developing their Christmas Box.

Genevieve has long dreamt of owning a social enterprise but never thought she would be doing that at 17. "I have discovered that you don't have to wait to realize a dream, when an opportunity presents itself, take it."

While both intend to carry on with their studies, you can be sure that this enterprise has awakened the entrepreneurial spirit in them and they are destined for a great future.

You can order boxes online at www.guelphbox.ca. They deliver to Puslinch as well as Guelph.

Editorial

Without question COVID has negatively impacted many people, and there appears to be no end in sight.

So in this issue of the *Pioneer*, we have chosen to highlight ways in which people are working to create a positive outcome – not just for themselves, but for the community.

Talking to Genevieve and Josh about their Guelph Box was so inspiring, restoring our faith in what young people can do to make a difference.

Claire Tigchelaar shares her plans for the future of her farm and is another story that fills you with hope and we applaud her resilience in forging on with the plans originally made with her late husband, John.

At Sunrise Therapeutic Centre, we learn in the *Power of the Horse* article how they are proposing to use their therapeutic horses to reduce stress and bring joy to others.

And Kim Hussey reminds us about what we can be grateful for and how to stay positive in the months ahead.

We also have a special message from the Mayor in which he reports a recent win in the aggregate battle.

I'd also like to use this Editorial to give another shameless plug for our Online Fundraising Auction, held in partnership with Sunrise on November 12-21. Check it out.

Anne Day

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SUBMITTING ARTICLES Items of interest to Puslinch residents are welcome. Letters to the Editor must include a telephone number.

We ask that articles be submitted by email and adhere to the Writers Guidelines which can be downloaded from www.puslinchpioneer.ca

Unless otherwise stated, the deadline for submission is the 2nd Friday of the month. Next deadline is **Friday, November 13th**.

Because of the increased interest we cannot guarantee inclusion, especially those received after deadline.

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Letter to the editor

Thank you writer, Barbara Bulmer and editor, Anne Day, for featuring Paul and Wendy McDonald on the front page of the October issue.

Please let me add my accolade to this outstanding couple, who so continuously volunteer their time and talents to promote Puslinch and its services, facilities and organizations. Paul and Wendy are a Puslinch treasure.

Marjorie Clark

Council clips

Truck Traffic in Aberfoyle:

Due to the construction and road closures in Aberfoyle, Council has agreed for CRH Canada Group Inc. truck traffic to travel on their return trips from Aberfoyle Pit #2 southerly on Wellington Road 46, easterly on Wellington Road 36, northerly on Victoria Road to Aberfoyle Pit #1, and amend hours of operation for hauling to Monday to Friday between 7 am and 7 pm.

New Tandem Snow Plow:

Council has authorized the pre-budget approval of \$360,000 for a Tandem Roll-Off Snow Plow.

Permits to Take Groundwater: Council supports the Ministry of the Environment to extend the current moratorium on new or increased permits to take groundwater to produce bottled water for up to six months to April 1, 2021.

Shared By-law Enforcement: Council has passed a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Shared Service Agreement as presented with the Township of Guelph/Eramosa for By-law Enforcement.

CBM Compliance:

Mayor Seeley gave an update on the meeting that took place with CBM. This included discussions about the hours of operation and noise compliance.

CBM has provided contact information where residents can direct questions or concerns.

Water Quantity Management Framework Proposal:

This framework is a proposal developed

by the Ministry of the Environment to protect the long-term sustainability of surface water and groundwater and to ensure these resources are properly managed.

These regulatory changes are being developed in consultation with the Township and the County of Wellington.

Launch of the New Puslinch.ca:

The Township of Puslinch is excited to announce the launch of its new website. The Township encourages all residents to explore the new website and share their feedback.

Community Safety Zone in Aberfoyle:

Councillor Sepulis is giving notice of motion to be considered at the October 21 Council meeting that the Township of Puslinch requests the County of Wellington to consider designating the section of roadway Wellington Road 46 between Wellington Road 34 and Gilmour Road as a Community Safety Zone.

Public Meeting: October 21, 2020 Public Meeting to obtain public input on proposed Housekeeping Amendment to Zoning By-law 023/18.

Calling all vinyl record collectors



Photo from Unsplash

With our upcoming online auction (November 12-21), we wanted to highlight the large collection of vinyl records that has kindly been donated by Ruth Slater.

We have been sorting through the collection of 300 albums, dividing them into genres and been amazed at the broad tastes in music that Ruth's parents enjoyed.

So much so, that we contacted Ruth again to learn more about them. Ruth's mother was trained at the Conservatory

of Music and was a classical singer who performed with the Toronto Festival Singers. She was also a soloist for different churches in Toronto and performed in the Merry Widow.

While her mother's focus and love was in classical music and opera, her father also enjoyed country and western, and with an aunt based in New York, they also went to many of the Broadway musicals.

Her father was the Director of Education for Etobicoke, and in that position was instrumental in getting the arts into the schools in the area. He loved music and had an eclectic taste as can be witnessed by the records we have up for auction.

While it has been hard for Ruth to part with her parents' collection, like many of us, she is aiming for the simpler life, and knowing that they are going to a good cause, makes it feel like the right move at this time.



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First Wednesday at 1 pm.
Third Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Please check the Council Calendar at www.puslinch.ca as meetings may be subject to change.

Library Hours (519) 763-8026

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Wednesday 10 am - 8 pm.
Thursday 10 am - 8 pm.
Friday 10 am - 6 pm.
Saturday 10 am - 5 pm.

Optimist Recreation Centre Hours

Monday - Friday 9 am - 10 pm
Saturday 9 am - 10 pm
Sunday 9 am - 10 pm
Contact: 519-763-1226 or rentals@puslinch.ca

Historical Society Archives

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Online Auction

Preview now available:

<https://sunrise-therapeutic.ca/whats-happening/2020-online-auction/>



*Private Georgian Bay tour with lunch

Additional items will be added regularly!

Bidding from November 12th - 21st

Ends November 21st at 5:45pm

Local auctioneer, Robert Milburn of Milburn Auto Sales & Service, will close the event with a Live Auction finale at 6pm, November 21st

Santa's Drive-Thru in Puslinch!

By Brenda Law



photo from Brenda Law

**Sunday, November 22, 2020
from 2:00 – 3:30 pm at Puslinch Community Centre, Aberfoyle.**

The Optimist Club of Puslinch again looks forward to bringing the annual Santa Claus Parade to the kids of Puslinch, but in a different format this year.

Santa's Drive-Thru in Puslinch will arrive at the Puslinch Community Centre grounds in Aberfoyle on Sunday, November 22, 2020 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm.

You will be able to watch anytime from 2:00 – 3:30 pm, the many floats and friendly and funny mascots, clowns and elves and of course the jolly old guy himself Santa in his sleigh with his reindeer, from the comfort of your vehicle as you travel along the drive-thru route.

Santa will arrive on the 22nd and looks forward to seeing all the smiling faces, as well as those young at heart!

Hopefully each child will receive a goody bag at the end of the drive-thru.

Each child is also encouraged to bring their Santa letter to put in the mailbox. All letters with a return address will receive a written reply back from Santa.

There is no cost but we do encourage you to bring a donation to the Food

Bank which can be collected at the end of the route.

We welcome your family, club, organization or business to enter a float. The float should have a theme to it and display who they are.

Unfortunately no people will be allowed on the float, however you will be able to park one vehicle next to the float, stay inside and wave from there.

We need confirmation ahead of time that a float is being entered. Parade participants will be assigned a staggered time slot for arrival of the float.

The Optimist Club of Puslinch welcome your participation and hope you will enjoy your drive-thru experience and chance to see Santa in this new format. It's all about the kids!

For more information and to register your float, please call Ken or June Williams at 519-763-0309.
See you at the Drive-Thru!

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Bicycles 'n' Butter Tarts

By Barbara Bulmer

We all remember John Tigchelaar at the Aberfoyle Farmers' Market, fondly referred to as "the Mayor of the Market", and his wife Claire who, along with their family, sold yummy scones, butter tarts, coffee, apples from their orchard, and an excellent garlic powder.

John gave up his mortal mantle two years ago leaving Claire to manage the farm business on her own. John and Claire had always worked together, sharing ideas and plans. She learned how to do things around the farm, particularly how to solve problems.

Claire cited a book by Francis Schaffer, "How will I Live", which, in the face of adversity, posed the question, "How are you going to be?", and another book by Dallas Willard, philosopher, who said that the choice to live a positive or negative life was ours to make and that we should choose to live a thankful life to arrive at quality of life.

These things, her faith, a positive outlook, and a very supportive family got Claire through this crisis.

And then COVID-19 struck, and in the blink of an eye everything changed: no more market, no more interacting with people, no clear path to selling their produce. Then Claire remembered what John always said when faced with a problem, "Figure it out!"

And so they did! The farm was always a family endeavour so together they listed all their positive assets and decided they would carry on with the long-term plans for the farm that Claire and John had made years ago.

Twenty years ago John had planted a "forest" between the orchard and the house. "Turns out", said Claire, "it's just the right location." In 2019, with tables, and chairs rescued from road-sides, set among the trees at appropriate distances, they were ready to welcome the public to their roadside market and outdoor "coffee shop."

Claire and John bought their raw coffee beans from a Nicaraguan Fair Trade source and had it roasted locally. It was their intention to eventually do their own roasting.

So once again COVID fast -tracked that plan. Claire bought a roaster and built a shed to house it. So now, you not only get freshly ground and brewed coffee, you get it freshly roasted – regular, bold or extra bold.

In front of the roasting house the family set up tables to display and sell their homemade goodies: scones, butter tarts, pies, apple turnovers – all freshly baked on site.

The Market Board had advertised farm locations of the market vendors in the *Pioneer* so we could continue to buy our favourite fresh produce directly from the grower.

The Tigchelaar farm is located at 268 Puslinch Flamborough Townline Road. Its location is also in an area popular with cyclists from the Burlington/Oakville area.

They were discovered! And by word-



of-mouth the number of cyclists stopping by for coffee and fresh baking quickly grew. If you stop by for a coffee and a chat you will also see many folks you used to see at the Aberfoyle Market.

Never distracted by negative thinking Claire is already planning her 2021 season. A wood-fired oven is being constructed to bake pizzas and bread. With lumber in short supply they are using wood reclaimed from shipping skids for the shelter.

Claire has bought or saved seeds for next year's vegetable gardens, and renovations are underway in the barn to serve as a market site.

Human beings are complex; life is complex. The pandemic has limited our ability to fully participate in life. But we can construct a design for living which will serve us well in both good and difficult times.

Concentrate on positive things and refuse to be distracted by bad ideas and negative thinking. Believe the best in each other, and remember, it's your choice!

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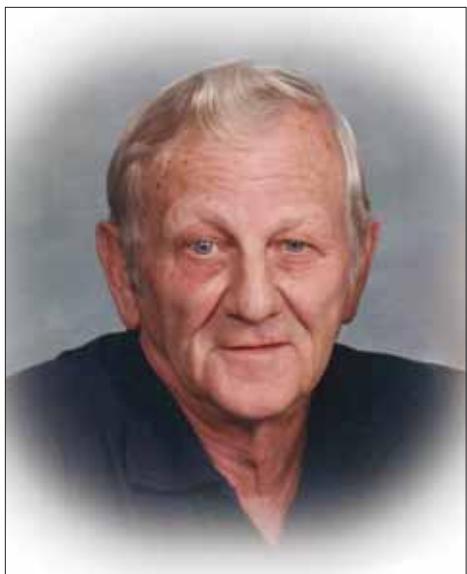
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In Memoriam

William Emerson Laking



May 27th, 1934 – October 13th, 2020

Bill Laking passed away peacefully at his home in Arkell, at age 86, having lived a full and happy life with

his wife, Ruth, for 62 years. Loving father of Scott, and Sue (Rudi). Proud grandfather of Alex (Mina), Reid (Jen), Hilary (Nick), Eric (Andrea), Robert and Ella (Janek).

Bill loved gardening, farming and cherished his family dearly. With an infectious smile and a positive outlook on life, he had the ability to raise the spirits of those around him. He grew up in Mountsberg, farmed in Badenoch and retired in Arkell after 42 years at PL Robertson's. Bill will be missed by family and friends, may he rest in peace.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Canadian Diabetes Association (<https://www.diabetes.ca/>) or The Canadian Red Cross (<https://www.redcross.ca/donate>). Given Covid-19 concerns a private service will be held. Arrangements entrusted to the WALL-CUSTANCE FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL, 519-822-0051 or wallcustance.com – Condolences can be sent to the family via the funeral home website below Bill's notice.

A tree will be planted in memory of William E. (Bill) Laking in the Wall-Custance Memorial Forest.

Online auction fundraiser

Together with the Sunrise Therapeutic Riding Centre, the *Puslinch Pioneer* is hosting an online auction fundraiser.

The auction will open on November 1st for you to preview the prizes and to register for the event so you can bid on items of interest. Bidding will start on November 12.

We have gathered together over 160 prizes, many of which will make great presents for the holiday season. There is something for everyone from items for your home, the kids, or to treat yourself.

After you have registered and started bidding on items, you will be informed by email if you are outbid and then you have the opportunity to increase your bid. The actual auction will close on November 21 at 5.45pm.

There will also be an on-live auction on November 21 @ 6.00pm with proceeds going to Sunrise.

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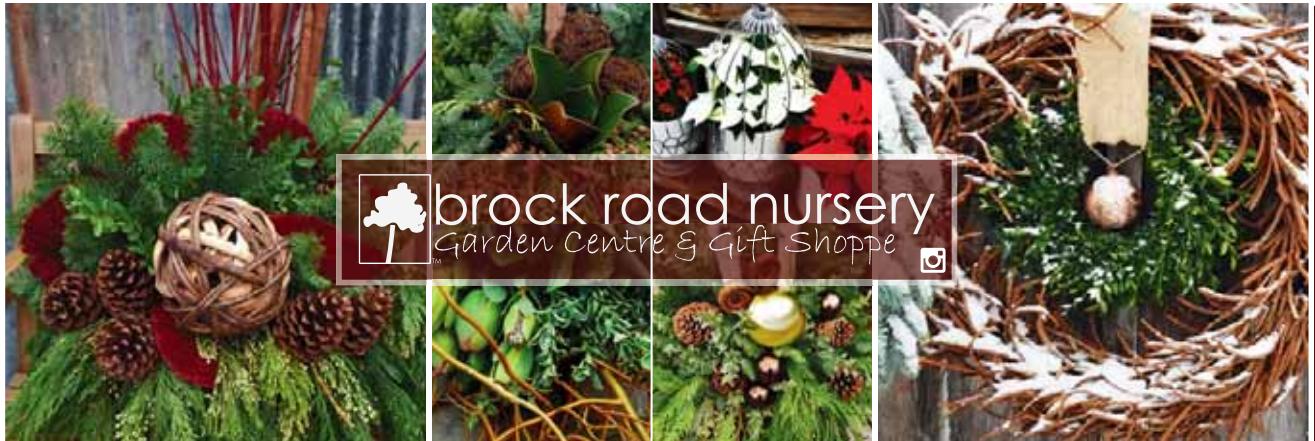
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Mayor's Message



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Hello everyone, I hope everyone had the best possible Thanksgiving during these very difficult times. Not being able to celebrate with family is likely the most difficult part of accepting that we are in a pandemic.

As COVID cases are rising currently, the Municipal Office will remain closed. The majority of services, if not all, are available online. If you know anyone that is not able to receive a service please don't hesitate to email admin@puslinch.ca or call the office at 519-763-1226.

Please continue to practice social distancing, washing hands and wearing masks, every little bit of effort helps in preventing the spread of COVID 19.

I wanted to let everyone know that

we have a small success story. The Provincial Government had proposed changes to aggregate policy which would have permitted extraction of aggregates in the habitat of endangered and threatened species.

We caught this proposed change early enough that the Government did not implement the policy amendment. With the assistance of Wellington County and its member Municipalities, Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO), comments were submitted against the proposal. A small win for the environment!!

In November the appeals tribunal case will begin in regards to our position that aggregate sites are not paying their fair share of taxes thus putting the tax burden on you, the local home owners and farmers.

The Concession 7 bridge over Mill Creek should be completed by the time this article is published and thus we should see less trucks through Aberfoyle.

The roundabout at Country Road 34 and Brock Road should also be completed. The top layer of asphalt within the roundabouts will be completed in 2021.

Let's all enjoy the fall weather while we can and again I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

James Seeley
519-400-7984
Mayor
Wellington County Councillor

Aberfoyle Pollinator Garden opens

The County of Wellington has officially opened the Aberfoyle Pollinator Garden.

As part of the Solid Waste Services Strategy, the preferred use of the County's closed landfill sites is to include a continuation of ongoing naturalization efforts, with particular emphasis on establishing pollinator habitat.

Pollinator habitat has been promoted through the planting of flowering trees, shrubs and wildflowers. The Aberfoyle Pollinator Garden includes 30 varieties of trees, shrubs, perennials and grasses, comprising of 1,788 plantings.

All species are attractive to either butterflies, moths or bees for pollination or as a food source for larvae. These native plant species all have a relationship with specific insects, including: Columbine Dusky Wing, Silvery Checkerspot, Painted Lady, Mulberry Wing, Winged Skipper, Arctic Skipper, Little Wood Satyr, Monarch Butterfly and many more.

"Areas were created for water to collect in accessible locations for insects, bare areas were established for native bees to tunnel and nest, and tree trunk sections were integrated as habitat for larvae," commented Gregg Davidson, Chair of the Solid Waste Services Committee.

"We have also created an outdoor classroom area for school and community groups to learn about the importance of pollinator species in our ecosystem."

An advertisement for Union Market Square. On the left, there is a close-up image of several apple fritters. To the right, the text reads "UNION MARKET SQUARE" in large red letters, followed by "Fresh Apple Fritters every Saturday 10am-3pm". Below this, the phone number "(519)767-0024", the address "599 Arkell Road", and the website "unionmarketsquare.com" are listed. There are also images of apples at the bottom.

Exhaling gratitude

By Kim Hussey

At my yoga class, instructor Anne Marie always finishes with this powerful namaste phrase.

"Inhaling acceptance and exhaling gratitude."

In a year that has been consumed with chaos and confusion, this phrase has become my personal mission statement.

And in this season of gratitude, I am exhaling deep gratitude this year for these four gifts I have received personally and professionally.

People who share and care.

Sharing is caring. During this time of scarcity, I am grateful for those who still reach out to share the little things, from a couple of eggs, a helpful hand,

their connections and resources.

People who share themselves nourish the spirit of growth and friendship, bringing out the best in others.

Not only does this build us up, but it enhances our sense of community and citizenship to maintain a strong culture of caring and sharing.

For all the Chaos and Discomfort.

Seriously, life throws us so many curveballs. But the crazy and unexpected serve as reminders that heighten our Gratitude!

Watching the US national debate reminded me of how happy I am to be Canadian. After a frantic, frenzied long, hard day, it helps me to appreciate the beauty of my quiet, safe haven in Puslinch.

For the little things

Because I can work and teach remotely, I took a month hiatus to stay with my daughter in British Columbia.

When I thought about what I missed,

it was the little things that spark joy in my life. It's the little things that make us take a second look and notice. It makes us smile and can make our day. Perhaps it is in a kind word, a compliment or a sensitive message.

The people factor

The real driver to get me home from my BC visit was the people I love and care about.

Commit to add some sparkle to every connection you have. Giving to others is the ultimate gift that boomerangs back into our lives.

We have abundant gifts to be grateful for, and when we take the time to inhale acceptance and exhale Gratitude, we are left feeling a little more at peace than before.

If you are going to rise, you might as well shine.

My yoga instructor taught me that.

Thanks Anne Marie. xo



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The power of a horse

By Ann Caine



photo from Ann Caine

In this challenging time of a global pandemic are you craving normality, open spaces, connection with others, and most of all emotional, mental and physical well-being? Or do you know someone who is?

Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre maybe your answer, with its 102 acre farm with wide open spaces, in a beautiful country setting and following all stringent social protocols.

Most importantly you will be connecting on the ground with some amazing therapeutic horses, who will lift your spirits, calm your mind and show you the wonderful benefits of human-animal bonding.

Your session with those from your immediate circle , with colleagues from your front line, or essential worker shift, or from those 12 years old and

over from your immediate circle, will be led by a certified Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) Facilitator.

This is a fun and uplifting experience, working with trained therapy horses, who love being around people.

Consider joining our Canadian certified staff and Sunrise horses from our therapy team, either during the beautiful Fall weather, as a break from being indoors this Winter,or maybe book for an introductory session for Spring 2021.

The teaching staff at Sunrise are all certified through the Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association, (CanTRA). This national association not only provides instructor certification, and continuing education, but also the ongoing accreditation of programs to ensure professional and safe practice.

Sunrise is the only CanTRA accredited residential instructor training centre in Canada, although there are other CanTRA exam and training centres in several provinces who train instructors in their local catchment area.

Instructors from across Canada and around the world have been trained at Sunrise.

Thousands of children and adults with a wide range of special needs, those just seeking emotional support through being around our amazing horses, and campers who return year after year to the inclusive day camp, have benefitted from the 'Sunrise' experience over the past 38 years .

Perhaps this opportunity is not for you, but you would like to reach out and make a difference in the life of someone who could really benefit from this great experience.

For example, you may have a Front

Line or Essential worker in your family, or living on your street, or a friend who is impacted by loneliness, who you would love to honour with a gift certificate for this great farm experience.

There are so many possibilities to make a positive difference as we face these challenging times together.

Find out more about the program by visiting www.sunrise-therapeutic.ca or phoning Suzy Bender ,Certified EAL Facilitator, Senior Sunrise Instructor and Program Coordinator at 519-837-0558 Ext.22 or Lynne O'Brien, Executive Director,519-837-0558 Ext. 31

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Remembrance Day

Waste Facility and Curbside Collection Changes

All County of Wellington waste facilities will be closed on Wednesday, November 11.

Wednesday curbside collection will be rescheduled to Saturday, November 14.

No other collection days are affected.



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Fiction

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| Akhtar, Ayad | Homeland Elegies |
| Backman, F | Anxious People |
| Follett, Ken | The Evening and the Morning |

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| Jones, Stephen | Night of the Mannequins |
| Klune, T.J. | House on the Cerulean Sea |
| Riddle, A.G. | Winter World |
| Stewart, Andrea | Bone Shard Daughter |
| Thompson, Gill | Child on Platform One |
| Unsworth, EJ | Grown Ups |
| Wood, Charlotte | The Weekend |

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| Hirsch, Gretchen | Gertie Sews Jiffy Dresses |
| Hyman, Mark | Food Fix: How to Save our Health, our Economy, Our Communities, and Our Planet – One Bite at a Time |

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| Jone, Janet L | Horse Brain, Human Brain: the Neuroscience of Horsemanship |
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| Luengo, Maria Transito Lopez | Medicinal Plants at Home |
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| Nouri, Kat | Let's Make Lunch |
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| McDonald, Kerry | Unschooled: Raising Curious, Well-Educated Children Outside the Conventional Classroom |
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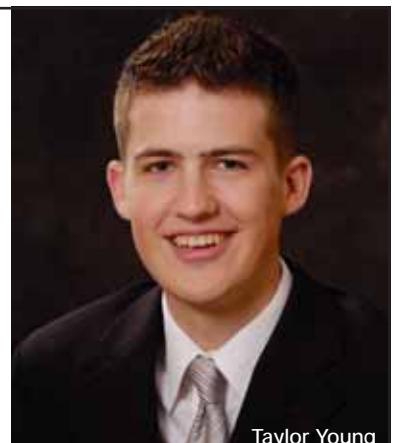


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| Collection Week | Collection Area (Urban Areas Only) | Set-out day |
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| Week B | Minto, Centre Wellington (East of Hwy 6), Wellington North, Puslinch | Monday, October 26 |
| Week A | Mapleton, Centre Wellington (West of Hwy 6), Erin, Guelph/Eramosa | Monday, November 2 |
| Week B | Minto, Centre Wellington (East of Hwy 6), Wellington North, Puslinch | Monday, November 23 |
| Week A | Mapleton, Centre Wellington (West of Hwy 6), Erin, Guelph/Eramosa | Monday, November 30 |



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Green party leader visits Sunrise



Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner and Green Party leader recently visited the Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre to learn more about its programs and services.

Apart from seeing the facility and discussing the present Sunrise programming for children and adults with a wide range of disabilities, MPP Schreiner, staff and board members discussed the huge need for respite services, in Wellington / Dufferin, especially for adult children with disabilities.

According to the Review of Respite Services in Wellington - Dufferin, there are over 200 on the wait list, the longest being for overnight and weekend services, but there are many more adult children that are not even on a list.

This led to a conversation surrounding a proposed future respite programming project at the Sunrise farm, as an extension of the existing Life Skills Day program for high school graduates with special needs.

Other new and innovative programs were discussed. The Little Breeches Program for 4 to 7 year olds, previously offered on Saturdays in Spring and Fall is now running Wednesdays to Saturdays.

In addition there is a new venture, 'Mini Moments' for 7 to 12 year olds on the same days. These programs have fewer spaces to comply with the social distancing protocols but have proven popular.

Our participants are gradually returning to our core program of therapeutic riding, but due to the pandemic only those who are independent riders or those who need very little assistance and use a leader only are able to return at this time.

We appreciated MPP Schreiner's visit. Conversations about additional much needed programs will be ongoing.

"what we do," says the director, Kristine O'Brien.

Normally, the retreat centre draws thousands of people to the area each year, hosting conferences and retreats on their historic property. Now they are facing long-term cancellations and extra costs due to stringent cleaning protocols. Add their usual slowdown in the winter months, and it is easy to see why they are struggling.

During the month of October, the centre will take to social media and writing to churches across the country asking for help to sustain them until 2021. They hope to find support from those who have fond memories of time spent there, as well as those who value local history.

O'Brien explains that they work hard "to be good stewards of the historic land and buildings entrusted to them years ago by Col. John Bain Maclean" but keeping several historic homes and a barn in good repair requires constant upkeep and significant fixed costs.

Maclean was born in the village of Crieff in 1862 and went on to found Maclean Hunter Publishing in Toronto, including the Financial Post, Macleans and Chatelaine magazine. He bought three adjoining farms and kept them as a vacation property until his death in 1950.

The log home (1845), barn (1856), stone house (1864), and schoolhouse (1874) are all still in use today.

Anyone wanting to contribute can visit the website. Tax receipts are offered for donations over \$20.

crieffhills.com/donate.

Crieff Hills seeking support

Like so many churches, businesses and community groups, Crieff Hills has been dramatically affected by the pandemic. When the COVID-19 crisis began, they were forced to close all programs and accommodations.

Although now open to individuals and very small groups as of July, they face a long-term disruption, with bookings down 80 percent.

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Cook's Corner

By Barbara Paterson

A friend gave me this vegetarian recipe and it has become a favourite. It can be made with either green or brown lentils or chickpeas. I prefer the lentils because they are softer. Do not use red lentils because they will turn to mush.

African Peanut Stew



1 tsp. olive oil
1 medium sweet onion, diced
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 red bell pepper, diced
1 jalapeno, seeded and diced
1 medium sweet potato, peeled and chopped into ½ inch pieces
1 793g can diced tomatoes with their juices
½ cup natural, smooth peanut butter
3 cups vegetable broth
1½ tsp. chili powder
¼ tsp. cayenne pepper
1 cup dry lentils or 1 425g can chickpeas drained and rinsed
Salt and pepper to taste
2 handfuls baby spinach or de-stemmed, torn kale leaves
Fresh cilantro or parsley
Roasted peanuts

1. In a large saucepan, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and sauté for about 5 minutes or until the onion is translucent.
2. Add the bell pepper, jalapeno, sweet potato and tomatoes with their juices. Raise the heat to medium high and simmer for 5 minutes more. Season the vegetables with salt and black pepper.
3. In a medium bowl, whisk together the peanut butter and 1 cup of vegetable broth until no clumps remain. Stir the mixture into the vegetables along with the remaining 2 cups of broth, chili powder and the cayenne.
4. Cover the pan with a lid and reduce the heat to medium low. Simmer for 10 to 20 minutes or until the sweet potato and lentils are fork tender.
5. Stir in the lentils and spinach and cook until the spinach is wilted. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Ladle the stew into bowls and garnish with cilantro and roasted peanuts.

An easy and delicious scratch cake with a baked on topping. There is no fat in the cake itself, just in the topping. The mandarin oranges make it very moist.

Mandarin Orange Cake

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup white sugar
1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
1 egg, beaten
1 tsp. vanilla
1 (15 oz.) can mandarin oranges, drained well
½ cup chopped walnuts



Topping:

¾ cup lightly packed brown sugar
3 tbsp. milk
3 tbsp. butter
½ cup flaked coconut
½ cup chopped walnuts

1. Grease and flour an 8 inch square cake pan.
2. In a large bowl, mix the flour, sugar, baking soda and salt. Make a well in the centre and add the egg, vanilla, mandarin oranges and ½ cup chopped nuts. Mix well. (A pastry blender does a good job of breaking up the oranges.)
3. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake in a preheated 350°F oven for 35 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out clean.
4. While the cake is baking, prepare the topping. In a medium saucepan, combine brown sugar, milk and butter.
5. Bring to a boil and stir in coconut and ½ cup walnuts.
6. As soon as cake comes out of the oven, pour topping over cake. Broil for 1 or 2 minutes. Watch carefully.

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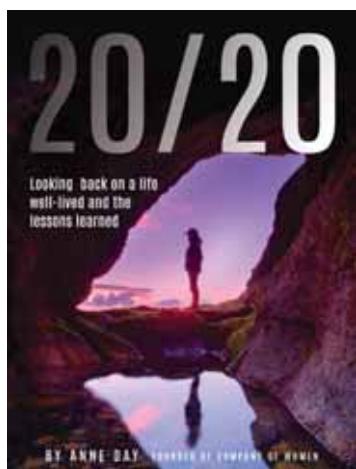
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Book review

By Tessa Kampen



20/20: Looking back on a life well-lived and the lessons learned by Anne Day, is a book full of practical tips and advice from Anne's years of work, life and leadership.

Life is one big lesson and the key is to

find out what that lesson is so you can move on to the next lesson you are supposed to learn.

What I loved about this book is how open and honest Anne is about sharing her journey with us. Often times we view successful people as those who have not struggled or failed along the way and that simply isn't the case.

Reading this book makes you feel good about your own journey as you can relate to so many experiences shared in the book.

One of my favorite quotes from the book was from the section on *Focus on Your Business. Not the Competition*. Anne shares, "Your focus and energy need to be on your business and what you do well, rather than thinking up schemes to "beat" the competition." This is such a great reminder for us all, especially as women.

As soon as we start focusing on others we lose sight of what we bring to the table and that creates the comparison

trap so many of us tend to fall into.

I especially loved the section on relationships, which are crucial to anyone's success. "You want to surround yourself with people who get you, want to support you, and yes, give honest feedback, but bottom line, they want you to succeed." Anne hit it on the nail with this one.

This book is perfect for anyone new to business or the seasoned entrepreneur. Although it is a quick and easy read, I encourage you to read it slowly and see how well you do with each lesson taught in this book.

Use it as a guide, allow Anne to be your personal mentor and truly take what is written on the pages to heart.

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Protecting wild life on the roads

By Mandy Karch

The Ontario Road Ecology Group (OREG) is a not-for-profit dedicated to protecting biodiversity from the threats of roads and collaborates with government, non-government agencies and the public to improve the way wildlife/road interactions are managed. Roads threaten wildlife through habitat loss and fragmentation.

Citizen Science road ecology research is happening across the Grand River watershed, including in Puslinch Township. In 2019, with provincial SAR (Species at Risk) funding, OREG launched a Citizen Science project on County Road 35 to better ascertain road mortality on a segment that bisects a wetland complex.

With permission and support from Wellington County, dedicated volunteers were trained to safely and accurately collect and submit wildlife/road interaction data from the study site and surrounding area. The devoted team of Citizen Scientists and

Natural Resource Solutions Inc. staff documented nearly 1,000 observations between May and October. Over 100 of the dead animals found on the road were turtles.

Turtles are species at risk, and roads and traffic pose a significant threat. These long-lived animals have evolved to depend on high adult survivorship for the population to persist.

When year after year cars kill adult turtles moving through the landscape to nest, feed or over-winter, a population will be decimated.

There are solutions to help protect wildlife from the threats of roads. Motorists can watch for wildlife, especially when traveling road segments that bisect wetland, woodlot and field habitats.

Municipalities can cease or alter grading schedules and vegetation management protocols to mitigate the negative effects of these activities.

When road work occurs, there may be opportunities to improve landscape connectivity with culverts and fencing to help keep wildlife off the road and provide safe passage.

Habitat restoration projects that enhance and link wildlife movement corridors are essential, especially as climate change causes wildlife to move in response to shifting resource availability.

As winter approaches, snakes are moving across roads to reach their hibernacula (over-wintering sites). Please watch for wildlife, and help them cross safely.

Respect for nature and wildlife is beneficial, and mitigating the threats of roads to biodiversity contributes to a healthy, resilient environment that supports a thriving community.

You can help

- Watch for wildlife
- Move turtles in the direction they are moving, when safe
- Help injured turtles: Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre, 705-741-5000, <https://ontarioturtle.ca>
- Report wildlife/road sightings: <https://inaturalist.ca/projects/wildlife-on-roads-in-ontario>
- Stay informed about road projects and support implementing wildlife mitigation: www.wellington.ca

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Ask the expert

By Pat Vanbenthem

How can I get rid of Dodder Vine that is growing in my garden? It is covering my plants and I can't find the roots and can't seem to unwind it from the plants.



Dodder Vine, is a fascinating plant. It is also known by the names Strangle Weed, Hair Weed, Devil's Guts and Witches Hair. It is a parasitic, noxious weed.

It effects both herbaceous and woody plants including landscape and nursery ornamentals, agricultural crops and weeds. Know that it is difficult to control.

Dodder Vine is an annual, seed-bearing plant with masses of thin, thread-like yellow and orange stems. Its very small leaves are more like scales and difficult to see. It grows quickly, entwining and covering the host plant.

The flowers are small, bell shaped and range from yellow to white. They emerge in clusters from summer to fall with each flower producing one to four seeds. The seeds are about 1mm in diameter and are light brown.

Dodder Vine tap into a host plant for nourishment. The seeds germinate in the soil and live in the soil for five to 10 days. By the time they are about four inches tall they must attach to a host plant or they die.

Seedlings that find a host, twine around the plant, sticking to the stem and inserting a toothlike haustoria (modified advantageous root).

As the vine taps its host plant, its connection to the soil is severed.

Slowly the Dodder Vine weakens the host plant, kills it and lowers crop yields. The impact is dependant on the growth stage and condition of the host plant and the time of infection. Infected plants are also more susceptible to disease and insect problems. So, how can Dodder Vine be brought to your garden? Seeds can be spread

through the air, movement of soil, equipment, by plant material or as crop seed contaminant. The seeds can last up to 20 years.

The best way to control Dodder Vine is to never get it in your garden. Be mindful of equipment and clothing when moving from an area infected with Dodder Vine.

If your garden has been infected in the past, then be watchful in the spring and remove seedlings before they are able to attach to host plants. If they have attached to a host plant, prune 3-8mm below the point of attachment as the vine can regenerate from a haustoria.

If in doubt, removing the host plant is the best action, and put in trash, not compost. Remove the plant before seed is set.

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HERITAGE MATTERS

The silent language of gravestones in our pioneer cemeteries

By Mary Tivy

Take a stroll through any pioneer cemetery in Puslinch Township. There you will find gravestones carved with images of weeping willows, hands clasped or pointing, flowers, urns and torches, and lambs and doves.

Each of these symbols had special meaning in the Victorian period. Even the shape of the tombstone carried meaning. Let's look at a few examples from the hundreds of stones in our pioneer cemeteries.



"In memory of Joseph, son of Richard and Elizabeth Ellis, Who died August 12, 1843" Crown Cemetery

Very early markers are rather plain. This stone from 1843 in the Crown Cemetery still has the "bed-board" shape of markers from the 1700s, that depicted the final "bed", or resting place of the deceased. Stones with this shape from the 1700s often had a death's head or a winged cherub within the curve at the top, but by the 1800s these symbols had fallen out of use. (Photo: WCMA A2007.177 DVD 7, Crown Cemetery C-353. Photographer Stephen Bowley)



"Erected by Adam and Jane Hume in Memory of Their Son Peter who died April 16, 1860, Aged 21 Years."
Farnham Cemetery

The weeping willow tree is the most common motif that continued from the 1700s well into the 1860s on gravestones in our pioneer cemeteries. The weeping willow signifies grief and is also a Christian symbol of longevity, since the tree flourishes after being cut. The Hume family chose a stone with two willow trees and an urn. The shape of the stone shown here continues the bed-board style from the 1700s.

(Photo: Mary Tivy)



"In Memory of Ann McLean, Beloved Wife of Duncan Cameron, Who Died 3rd Jan 1857, Aged 28 Years, Catherine their Daugh. Died Aug. 1856, Aged 1 Year, 2 Mo. 6 D." Crown Cemetery

A hand holding a bible refers to the Christian belief in the resurrection of Christ and life everlasting, as indicated by the inscription on this stone of John 11: 25-26. This stone also bears two roses, one for the deceased wife and one for their daughter as well as the Scottish thistle. (Photo: WCMA A2007.177 DVD 7, Crown Cemetery C-166. Photographer Stephen Bowley)

By the late 1850s gravestones began to feature flowers, each with different meanings. Roses symbolized love, hope and beauty. A broken or drooping blossom indicated a life cut short. Lilies were a sign of rebirth and often roses and lilies were combined in carved bouquets or wreaths. Poppies were a sign of eternal sleep.

Not surprising, the most common flower in Crown cemetery is the Scottish thistle. Thistles are the national flower of Scotland, and many pioneers buried in this cemetery came from Scotland. In Christianity, thistles evoke the crown of thorns on the head of Jesus.



"In Memory of Alexander Ochs Who Died Sep. 4, 1884, Aged 68 Years"
Marian Cemetery

Clasped hands show the deceased being welcomed into heaven by their spouse or by God. On this example you can see clearly by the detail on the shirt cuffs that one of the hands is male and the other female. (Photo: WCMA A2007.177 DVD 7, Crown Cemetery D18-3. Photographer Stephen Bowley)



"William Thomson, A Native of Dumfrieshire Scotland, Died June 15, 1854, Aged 60 Years"
Crown Cemetery

An early bed-board shaped grave marker with thistle. (Photo: Mary Tivy)

Next month I'll explain the meaning of lambs and doves, and veils and torches, and look at some of the more unusual and exotic stones in our pioneer cemeteries.

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Check your alarms

By Peter van Oordt

With the time change at the beginning of the month hopefully you were reminded to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms; if you didn't, now is a good time to do so.

Now is also a good time to check your alarms and make sure they have not expired.

While most smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have a service life of 10 years, you should verify the service life of your particular model by referring to the manufacturer's instructions or to the label on the unit itself.

Carbon monoxide alarms sound different than smoke alarms. It's a good practice to test both alarms each month and make sure everyone in the house knows the difference between the two alarm sounds and what to do for each.

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If you're at all unsure of whether or not your home has the required number and placement of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, you can contact Puslinch Fire and Rescue and arrange for a home visit for us to come out and check.

As a service to our community, we'll conduct home visits to residents of Puslinch free of charge.

As part our Project Zero initiative in partnership with Enbridge Gas, during

our home visit we will also provide and install new alarms as needed to qualifying Puslinch residents.

During a home visit, Puslinch firefighters will strictly adhere to our department's COVID protocols, including the wearing of appropriate personal protective equipment, including face masks, for the protection of both the firefighters and members of the public.

If you, or someone you know, would like more information about smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, or would like to arrange for a home visit, please contact Peter van Oordt at Puslinch Fire and Rescue at pvanoordt@puslinch.ca or at 519-763-1226, ext. 303.

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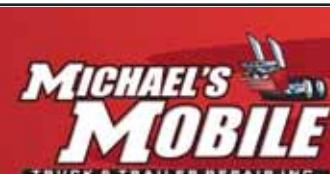
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Project Zero



Puslinch Fire Chief, Luis Gomes (left) and Public Fire and Life Safety Educator, Peter van Oordt (right), receive 144 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms as part of Project Zero.

Enbridge Gas and Puslinch Fire and Rescue are working to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

Puslinch Fire and Rescue Services received 144 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Project Zero—a public education campaign that will provide 7,500 alarms to residents in 35 municipalities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas invested \$225,000 in Project Zero, and over the past 12 years, the program has provided more than 50,000 alarms to Ontario fire departments.

When properly installed and maintained, combination smoke and

carbon monoxide alarms help provide the early warning to safely escape from a house fire or carbon monoxide exposure.

Carbon monoxide is a toxic, odourless gas that is a by-product of incomplete combustion of many types of common fuels.

Carbon monoxide is known as the 'silent killer' for a reason, and we have proof that prevention saves lives. We know that the best way to avoid carbon monoxide exposure is to eliminate it at the source by properly maintaining fuel-burning equipment, and that the alarms are a critical second line of defense to protect against carbon monoxide poisoning," says Murray Costello, Director, Southeast Region Operations, Enbridge Gas.

"The objective of Project Zero is to deliver combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to Ontario communities who need them the most," says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal. "It's a program that fire departments can adopt to help educate their communities about the requirement for all Ontario homes to have a CO alarm if they have a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage."

"Ensuring that everyone in our community has working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms properly installed in their homes is a goal we are always striving toward through our various public education initiatives," says Fire Chief Luis Gomes. "Project Zero has made us better equipped to reach that goal."



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My hijacked day

By Merri Macartney

When I got up, I had such great plans to do all kinds of things.

However, it didn't take long before the day had other plans. Ever had one of those days where everything that you had decided to get done got hijacked? Well, that is how it went for me.

Now I couldn't have foreseen these interruptions as others needed me to get information to them - find a lost file, get some accounting numbers to them for their reports - you know how that goes.

And the easiest of all the tasks, which should have taken but mere minutes, took forever. But slow WIFI has been my curse since moving out to the country, with really poor connection to the Internet. Most days, it works well enough. Others, not so much.

This was one of the 'not so much' days. For times like this, I tend to use

the personal hotspot on my cell phone. It usually works. Not today. After trying to upload the file four or five times over a few hours, it didn't work. I opted to find an offsite location.

Bundling up my laptop, my cell phone and my keys, away I went. So, one more try, and guess what? My hotspot worked and it only took a couple of minutes to complete the task.

By the end of my day, I didn't get done what I had planned. So I added all the things that did get done just so I could feel better about it.

In the grand scheme of things though, when looking at the issues other people deal with, this wasn't a biggie. It was simply a day that got hijacked. And after all, tomorrow is another day.

Merri Macartney is a speaker, author, coach and can be reached at www.merrimacartney.com

Expansion of leaf and yard waste collection

County Council has approved the expansion of leaf and yard waste man-

agement services.

The expanded program will double the pick-up opportunities by providing monthly curbside collection of leaf and yard waste in urban areas from April through November.

Residents may also drop-off leaf and yard waste to any County waste facility at no charge.

When using the curbside service, all material must be placed in paper leaf and yard waste bags or in clearly marked reusable containers, and small branches should be bundled into small bundles. No loose materials will be accepted.

At waste facilities, leaf and yard waste must be separated from brush, and can be placed bagged or loose into the appropriate drop-off areas, beginning October 1 until the beginning of December.

In future years, the free drop-off at waste facilities will be available from approximately April through November.

More information on the leaf and yard waste management and this fall's urban curbside collection schedule, is available on our website at www.wellington.ca/yardwaste.



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Remarkable Puslinch People

By Marjorie Clark

F. W. Stone, Importer of Purebred Stock, Estate Farmer & Merchant

Frederick William Stone was born in Barton-on-the-Heath, Warwickshire, England on September 17, 1814, the second son of Edward Stone and Elizabeth Hooper. His ancestors had owned land in Oxfordshire for several generations. A friend, Richard Gibson, described F. W. thus: "He was a typical English yeoman, stoutly built, with all the attributes of his fellows in England. An aggressive colour in his cheeks, good healthy, ruddy bronze, bespoke health and happiness."

Possessed of money, F. W. emigrated to Canada in 1831 with the Arkells, when 18 years of age and purchased 200 acres on Puslinch Plains, lots 3 to 6, concession 9, Puslinch, near Farnham Cemetery. The Arkells were his close friends and neighbours.

In a few years, he was offered a position with his uncle, John Jeffries Hooper, a merchant in Calcutta, India and he returned to England with the idea of accepting but kept his land in Puslinch. After some time in England, he changed his mind and returned to Canada.

On February 3, 1842, he married Eliza Clarke, step-daughter of John Caulfield, who also emigrated and settled in Arkell. Eleven children were born to them. The children were sent to boarding school in England to be educated. Two of them, Edward and Mary died in England and one, Frederick, remained there.

He bought a property from his father-in-law, John Caulfield, and opened a store about 1847, at the corner of what is now Gordon St. and Farquhar St., Guelph (32 Gordon St.), on the Brock Road, as well as operating the farms and he added more land until he owned 583 acres. He built a house beside the store at 5 Farquhar Street.

His first venture with purebred stock was with Shorthorns. In 1850, he purchased the herd of Rowland Wingfield of Puslinch, who was one of the earliest breeders of Shorthorns in Canada from John Howitt.

In 1853, he began importing. The first shipment of ten Cotswold ewes and one ram and five Durham heifers and one bull was lost at sea, washed overboard in a storm in November 1853. The second shipment, made in 1854, arrived in wretched condition and several died, both before and after

reaching Moreton Lodge. However, F.W. persisted and in August 1855, ten Cotswold ewes, one ram and one ram lamb from the flock of Edmund Rusk arrived safely. Frederick Stone was first to import Yorkshire and Berkshire (1856) pigs, Suffolk horses (1865), Cotswold sheep, Dorking chickens, English pheasants and Aylesbury ducks. He also brought Bremen Geese. He continued to import until 1875.

A newspaper article from November 13, 1856 noted that, at the Provincial Agricultural Show, he took 30 prizes. The November 1857 issue of The Cultivator devoted nearly a full legal-sized page to a description of the animals sold and the prices received at F. W. Stone's first stock sale in September of that year.

When visiting England in 1860, he attended the Royal English Show at Canterbury and was much impressed with the Hereford cattle. The Hereford breed originated in Hereford County in the west of England, where it existed prior to 1700.

His brother in England purchased two cows, six heifers and a bull, "Patriot", from the famous herd of Lord Bateman of Shobden Court in September. All arrived in Puslinch safely. In 1861, he added three cows and a bull, "Sailor", from the herd belonging to Lord Berwick.

Canada Farmer, September 1864, stated that Mr. Stone drained low-lying land to make use of every possible acre. At this time, he kept 120 head of cattle, 80 Shorthorns and 30 Herefords, between 400 and 500 Southdown, Leicester and Cotswold sheep, horses, Yorkshire and Berkshire pigs and poultry. The barnyard was surrounded by a stone wall and most of the buildings were stone. F. W.'s home, Moreton Lodge, was in the process of being constructed.

The Guelph paper from September 16, 1864 mentioned that he would send 40 Durham and Hereford cattle to the Provincial Exhibition in Hamilton. He was very successful at exhibitions and his cattle won major awards in the U. S. and Canada throughout the last half of the 19th century. His most noted bull was the Grand Duke of Moreton. After a successful career on the show circuit, Grand Duke Moreton sold for \$1000.00

The Cobourg World reported in 1867 that Mr. Stone's farm housed 200-300 head of Durham and Hereford cattle and 500 sheep and that he had lately imported a Suffolk Punch stallion and three mares.

"The stables and yards at Moreton Lodge are very extensive and are kept with the greatest care. Twice a year, the buildings are whitewashed, inside and out and every attention is paid to the health and comfort of the herds. The principle fodder is hay,

turnips, cut peas and chopped feed, all of which are furnished on the farm. Mr. Stone's crop of turnips is usually from 40 to 60 thousand bushels, averaging over a thousand bushels to the acre, all of which are used in feed. He employs 25 hands on the estate and his manager is Henry Arkell. He is, at present, in England, on business we believe, connected with the enlargement and improvement of his stock."

In 1872, he sold a bull, "Sir Charles" to T. L. Miller of Beecher, Illinois for \$1,000.00 in gold. In September 1878, his entries were awarded every prize offered for Hereford cattle at the Provincial Show, amounting to \$318.00 and a diploma. At the Provincial Exhibition in 1879, F. W. was awarded the Governor General's Gold Medal for the exhibitor receiving the greatest number of prizes for cattle and the medal was presented to him by Her Royal Highness Princess Louise.

In 1873, the Ontario Government purchased the recently completed Moreton Lodge and its 500 or 550 acres for the Agricultural College and Experimental Farm for \$75,000. Moreton Lodge was a two storey stone house, named in honour of his mother, who was born at Moreton, Gloucestershire. It was so lately completed, that the Stone family had not moved in.

It was used as a residence and administrative building by the College until 1929, when it was demolished. Only the two lower stories of the central tower were saved and still remain on the quad at the now University of Guelph, where they were reassembled.

F. W. then, purchased an adjoining 200 acres in Puslinch, in addition to his 248 acres holding at Arkell where he farmed until his death in 1895 at 81. After this, he referred to lot 1, concession 8 Puslinch as Moreton Lodge Farm but F. W. and his children continued to live on Farquhar Street in Guelph.

He maintained the largest and finest herd of Hereford cattle in all of Canada and the US about 1880, selling stock throughout Canada and the northern U. S., to buyers in New England, New York, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri.

F. W. also had a nursery, where he grew over 100 varieties of roses, as well as fruit trees, Austrian Pine and Norway Spruce. He won first prize for his carnations at the Guelph Horticultural Society Spring Show on July 4, 1862.

In January 1892, F. W. and Eliza celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Eliza Stone died in February 1892. Three years later, F. W. died. They were buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Guelph. His store never opened again after his death and his offspring gradually sold all of his farms.

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NATURALLY SPEAKING

Let the tree sleuthing continue

By Marion Robertson

The Swansea White Oak



The last time I wrote about the Toronto Carrying Trail was back in 2019. Only selected white oak bore any acorns, that year, but we were privileged to find the "White Oak of Swansea."

As you follow the banks of the Humber river, this tree dominates the landscape. It definitely is showing its age by displaying the typical 'balding' on top and the 'octopus' shape. The arms of this tree reach across the street and adjacent house.

The historic village of Swansea is more than 300 years old.

By 1967, the village amalgamated with the City of Toronto. I estimate the age of this mighty white oak places it at the initial establishment of the village of Swansea.

By 1793, this area of the Humber river was declared a mill reserve so that forests could remain intact for the use of the King's sawmills. This protective act is probably why this tree still graces us.

We are now proud to say we have seedlings growing nicely at our nursery from the Swansea white oak.

It is our intent to place these offspring back into the environment to continue this 'longevity' genetic source.

Marion Robertson is co owner of Bee Sweet Nature Co specializing in native and Carolinian plant stock and natural Ontario honey and honey products.

Therapy Forest opening

Everyone at Sunrise was grateful for the opportunity to remember and honour so many significant people in our lives.

The Memorial Ceremony held at the newly developing Therapy Forest, was a very different scene this year, with all invited guests signing in, wearing masks and socially distanced in 'family bubbles' but with the privilege of a wide open space to gather on the farm.

Officiating were Salvation Army Officers, Majors Peter & Lee-Ann van Duinen, accompanied by seven members of the Salvation Army Band, all from the Guelph Corps.

Greetings were expressed by Puslinch Mayor, James Seeley, Guelph MPP & Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner, and Councillor Donna Reid, representing the City of Cambridge.

All speakers were particularly impressed by the seeding of the twenty acre therapy and interpretive forest in support of the environment.

Family and friends were honoured, and Guelph author Jean Little was also remembered.

Those gathered were made aware of a new initiative to honour front line and essential workers, which has been named the 'COVID -19 Circle of Trees'. As the trees grow this circle will ensure that all these workers are remembered by future generations.

After the ceremony, Wellington / Halton Hills MPP & House Speaker Ted Arnott, announced an Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant of \$138,300 to Sunrise for an important retrofit to the indoor riding arena.

Sunrise, like so many other charities, has had to cancel all fundraising and appreciation events this year due to the pandemic, but this gathering presented the opportunity to thank the blacksmiths who shared their expertise to care for the Sunrise therapy horses.

Thank you Puslinch

By Joanne Holt



Well the highs and lows of 2020 continue on for the Aberfoyle Agricultural Society. As we were finalizing our book last March and getting all geared up for a terrific celebration of our 180th Aberfoyle fall fair the world fell apart.

Our small group of directors had to re-fit and adapt the whole plan in an environment where we could not gather or have contact with large groups.

With the help of a terrific community we have been able to successfully carry out limited events.

On September 20 we held a sell out chicken barbecue drive-through in the Duffs church parking lot. With the help of our volunteers and directors we served 325 chicken dinners to the community.

After such a great success we are planning to redo this event in the spring so stay tuned.

By holding this event, and with terrific donations from community members we were able to keep up our membership and plan for next year to re-celebrate our 180th Aberfoyle fall fair.

A huge thank you to all, and we would not be here without your support.

The other exciting part of our re-planning was our photography competition and the colouring contest for the young people.

There were good entries in all categories and our judges were very pleased with the effort from the community. You can see the complete list of winners on our NEW website.

<https://sites.google.com/view/aberfoyleagriculturalsociety/home>

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THE FRIENDS OF MILL CREEK

Meet at the Puslinch Community Centre at 3:30 pm. on the third Wednesday of every month (except August). If you share our passion for protecting this precious resource for future generations and in developing the next generation of conservationists, join us. For more information <http://www.friendsofmillcreek.org>

THE MILL CREEK SUBWATERSHED COMMUNITY LIAISON TEAM

Holds its monthly meetings the second last Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM at the Community Centre in Aberfoyle. The public is invited.

OPTIMIST CLUB OF PUSLINCH

Is one of the most active clubs in the township. Our focus is youth. We meet on the 2nd (general meeting) and 4th (dinner meeting) Tuesday of each month except during July and August. If you wish to become a member please visit www.optimistclubofpuslinch.com and fill out an application or call Ken at 519-763-0309 or contact any club member.

OPP.

If you have a concern about a police matter, please phone 1-888-310-1122 and request to meet an OPP officer at the Puslinch Township office.

PARENT-CHILD PLACE

Is a free drop-in program for parents and caregivers with children birth to 6 years, running September -June. It runs on Tuesdays at the Puslinch Community Centre from 9:30-11:30 and includes play, snack, art activities

and circle time. If school buses cancelled and centre closed, there's no program.

PUSLINCH FIDDLE GROUP

Meets the 3rd Sunday of each month (except July, August and December) at Duff's Church, Nanson Hall, from 1 - 4 pm. Come out and bring your fiddle, guitar, etc. and join in some good old fiddle music.

For more information, please call Paul McDonald (519)763-9764. Please remember the theme is "OLD TIME COUNTRY FIDDLE."

PUSLINCH LOAN CUPBOARD HOME HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT SERVICE

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For assistance call:

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Meets every Thursday for breakfast at the Springfield Golf and Country Club, 2054 Gordon Street, Guelph at 7:30 am. Check out www.rotary7080.org/guelphsouth for more information. Contact Celia Clark for membership inquiries: (519-766-1097)

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